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STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Dietetics and Nutrition

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, first floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: August 11, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Linton, M.S., R.D.N., L.D.N., Chairman, Professional Member Maryann Eastep, L.D.N., Secretary, Professional Member Natalie McKenney, L.D.N, Professional Member Timothy Bane, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jackie Griffith, Vice- Chairman, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Donna Trader, DAND Nina Pletcher

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Linton called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Linton, seconded by Ms. McKenney, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Deliberations on Proposed Regulation Changes 1:30p.m.</u>
Tele-Health

Ms. Singh went on record at 1:36 p.m. The board deliberated on the language and made changes to section 9.2.4.4. Ms. Singh mentioned that due to the substantive change the board has to vote to re-propose.

A motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Linton, to remove the phrase "not through telehealth" and replace it with "not through audit only communication" from Section 9.2.4.4 of the proposed rules and regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Linton, to re-propose as stated above. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses (CDR)

A motion was made by Ms. Linton, seconded by Ms. McKenney to ratify the following CDR applicants who had been granted a licensure by the Division of Professional Regulation: Leonora Eiermann, Abiade Ogunsola, Patrice McClafferty, Colleen Small, Lauren Cohen, Bryan Drain, Jason Brown, Pam Berentsen, Claudia Mattil, Kara Feeney, Alicia Aronovich and Jaclyn Barth. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Jill Clodfelter-Mason

Ms. McClure, an RD from Indiana sent a letter inquiring if a resident from Delaware contacts her and requests a phone consultation or virtual nutrition consultation, if it is legal for her to provide that person with a nutrition session online or by phone. The board stated that a Delaware license is needed in order to perform telehealth in Delaware.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD(For Discussion Only)

Discussion of Fitness Facilities

Ms. Linton expressed her concerns about personal trainers at fitness facilities providing diet and nutrition counseling. Ms. Linton suggested that the board come up with ways to educate the fitness centers or the public in general about licensure and what is allowed and what is not allowed. Ms. Singh informed the board that DPR is set up on a complaint base system and there is not enough manpower to educate every fitness facility in the state of Delaware. Ms. Singh suggested that they discuss their concerns with Delaware Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (DAND).

Ms. Linton mentioned that she attended a personal training session with DPR's credentialing and licensing department so she could get an idea of the process. Ms. Linton believes that the board needs to be as transparent as possible so people are clear on how the process works.

Ms. Linton mentioned that effective 2024 individuals will be required to have a Master's degree to become a registered dietitian.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Friday, August 11, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Linton, seconded by Ms. McKenney, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Latonya Brown

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